

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2009

The committee-of-the-whole of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grille in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:20 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS, on April 16, 2009.

Members present: Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Mrs. Brenda Yonge, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Ed Perry, and Mr. Bobby Steinriede. *Members absent were: Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. George Walker and Mr. Napoleon Moore.*

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Fiona Qualls, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

Guests in attendance: Dr. Reggie Sykes, IHL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bubba Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Dr. Clark began by greeting all Board Members. He reported on the April 16th workforce training presentation he gave at the Mississippi Economic Council's (MEC) annual meeting. He provided copies to all board members. On the same day he and Mrs. Gilbert met with members of the Governor's staff to discuss stimulus funds and received good, solid information. He participated in a recorded interview discussing workforce, which will be aired on the MEC's website. He also participated in the Governor's office Stimulus Summit which was held with other state agencies to discuss what they are doing to prepare for receipt of stimulus funds.

Dr. Clark provided an April 6, 2009 edition of the *USA Today* newspaper to each Board Member, which featured an excellent article on Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the community college honors society. The all-state PTK Academic Team was started in Mississippi in the 1990s.

Dr. Clark reported that HB 1722, also known as the bond bill, has specifically designated two million dollars for the proposed headquarters building. This is a very significant amount to get us invested in the project and keep the legislators interested. Dr. Clark recalled that Mr. Walker requested that he write a letter to our congressional delegation, requesting that they please be alert to possible federal funds that would help with the completion of the proposed headquarters building. Dr. Clark would like to wait until the bond bill is signed by the Governor's office before writing that letter.

DFA has performed a survey of the proposed land site and is going to perform a topographical study, to look at the way the land slopes. Ely Guild Hardy Architects continues to work on the feasibility study.

Mr. Bubba Hudspeth complimented Dr. Clark on his presentation at the Mississippi Economic Council, specifically the workforce training information. He encouraged other board members to attend any and all functions they can, as it is always an opportunity to learn.

Dr. Larry Day reported that he will present Exhibit C, which is the bi-monthly Capital Improvement Projects Report. He also reported to board members about a long-standing "two plus two" program between Northwest Community College and the University of Mississippi. This has been a very successful partnership at the DeSoto Campus of NWCC and Ole Miss.

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Dr. Fiona Qualls presented information regarding the recent Annual Report for Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs. There are 21 degree-granting nursing schools in the state which must meet certain IHL standards. Ten schools met all standards. Nine schools met all standards except one. One school missed two standards, and Coahoma Community College missed ten standards. This is a concern for the IHL board, as they are the accrediting board for all state nursing schools. A progress report is expected from CCC by July 1, 2009. Dr. Martha Catlette, Director of Nursing at IHL is the accrediting officer for the state nursing schools and it was pointed out by Dr. Qualls and Dr. Reggie Sykes of IHL that Dr. Catlette is very fair in her performance reviews and that reviews made of the nursing schools were made up of community college personnel as well as IHL level personnel.

Mr. Hudspeth reported he had talked with Chairman-elect of the IHL board, Mr. Scott Ross, about the seamless transition process between community colleges and four-year universities. Mr. Ross indicated that he fully supports the seamless transition efforts.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert began the Finance report by referring SBCJC members to the Finance agenda tab.

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for Fund 4080 for \$2,871,341.00 and Fund 4110 for \$82,112.00, for a total amount of \$2,953,453.00, for April 30, 2009. This will require approval.

Attachment 2 is an Update on the Education Enhancement Fund Reductions. This is for informational purposes only and does not require action.

Attachments 3a and 3b are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of March 31, 2009. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachment 4 is a specific breakdown of House Bill 1722, also known as the Bond Bill. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachment 5 is the Purchasing Approval request for the ACT, Inc., License to WorkKeys System Materials and *Express Score* System Materials, totaling \$26,000.00. This will require approval.

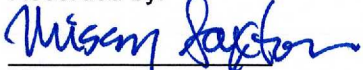
Mrs. Gilbert informed the Board Members that she will ask them their thoughts regarding the FY 2011 Budget Request for both the Support Budget as well as the Administration Budget.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded the Finance Report.

Mr. Hudspeth reminded Board Members that the election of SBCJC officers would take place at the Friday board meeting.

There being no other business, Mr. Hudspeth adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by:


Missy Saxton


Mr. Henry Hudspeth, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director